

### **INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicant hereby amends the claims as indicated, thereby placing the case in a better form for the appeal and/or in condition for allowance, and provides remarks as indicated, obviating and/or traversing the rejections contained in the aforementioned Office Action, which rejects the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a), 112, 102(b) and 103(a). Upon reading the following, reconsideration is respectfully requested, and thereupon a Notice of Allowance is respectfully sought.